

Sinclair Broadcasting forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an outrage and should not be allowed by the FCC. It is a clear example of political partisanship fed to the public as news. And it highlights the problem of media conglomerate ownership of broadcast stations.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, they are in a position to control the message and a "free" press becomes a controlled and opinionated press. If they want to produce and broadcast an opinion they are obligated to be truly fair and balanced. If they REQUIRE their stations to run this smear against Kerry, they should also REQUIRE the same stations to run something like Michael Mooore's Fahrenheit 911 in prime time and pre-empting regular programming, as they are doing with this Anti-Kerry trash

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.